IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

BRANDON MEYERS,

CV 25-53-M-TJC

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

TARGET CORPORATION and JOHN DOES 1–10,

Defendants.

Plaintiff has filed a motion for leave to file an amended complaint. (Doc. 10.)

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, "[a] party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course no later than . . . 21 days after service of a motion under Rule 12(b)" Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B). A motion to amend filed while the plaintiff is entitled to an amendment as a matter of course is an "unnecessary request." *Sparling v. Hoffman Constr. Co.*, 864 F.2d 635, 638 (9th Cir. 1988).

The 21-day period prescribed in Rule 15 has now passed. (*See* Doc. 6.)

Nevertheless, because "Plaintiff filed the Motion to Amend before" the expiration of that deadline, "Plaintiff [still] has the right to amend his Complaint as a matter

of course pursuant to Rule 15(a)(1)(B)." Daniels v. Wayman, 2019 WL 7185525, at *1 (W.D. Wash. Dec. 26, 2019) (citing Trudeau v. Direct Marketing Concepts, Inc., 90 Fed. App'x 486 (9th Cir. 2003)).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED:

- Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File First Amended Complaint (Doc.
 is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall promptly file the Amended Complaint in accordance with Local Rule 15.1.
- 2. Defendant Target Corporation's Motion To Dismiss (Doc. 6) is DENIED as moot.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2025.

TIMOTHY J. CAVAN United States Magistrate Judge